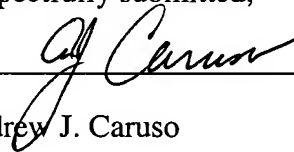


REMARKS

Applicants have submitted herewith a division of Application Serial No. 10/000,913, filed November 2, 2001, and respectfully request that the accompanying Preliminary Amendment be entered. Original claims 22 and 36 have been amended such that amended claim 22 incorporates the process limitations of original claim 1, and amended claim 36 incorporates the limitations of original claims 24 and 35. Claims 1-21 and 24-35 have been cancelled. As such, claims 22, 23, 36 and 37 remain in the application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' representative at the number provided below should any outstanding issues concerning the present application need resolution.

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